

# Household Interests SOCIETY Personal Notes

## MISS BRANCH ENGAGED TO E. ADDISON RENNOLDS

Wedding of Daughter of John Kerr Branch Will Be Big Social Event.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr Branch announce the engagement of their daughter, Zaydi Branch, to E. Addison Rennolds, son of Mrs. Robert G. Rennolds, of Richmond.

**Interesting Functions.**

Mrs. Leslie S. Young gave a small informal dance last evening at her home, 1719 Grove Avenue, in honor of Miss Clara Vass Beverley, of Blackstone, and Miss Sally Branch, of Petersburg, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Thornton on Monument Avenue for December. The house was decorated in holly and mistletoe and the mantels were banked in evergreens and red berries. Christmas decorations being carried out effectively. Mrs. Young received with the guests of honor and a few of the season's debutantes and some of the younger dancing men were invited to meet them.

Mrs. William S. Drewry, of 1032 West Grace Street, was hostess at cards yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Fred Haines and Mrs. John H. Guy, Jr., both brides of the winter. Four tables of auction bridge were entertained with several extra guests invited in for tea later. The parlors were arranged with red, holly, running cedar and holly, and pretty souvenirs of the afternoon were calendars and blotters cut in the shape of hearts, slippers and cupid.

### Makers of To-Day.

One of the most interesting society functions of the week will be the second of two house dances given by Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Allen Chambers, of 814 Park Avenue, in honor of their daughter, Miss Mary Chambers. The dance will be held at the Chambers' residence at 9 o'clock.

Another dance of note for this evening is the usual weekly hop at the Hermitage Club, which will take place at the clubhouse from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock. These weekly dances at the clubs are most agreeable and charming events and members will be out in force.

### At the Woman's Club.

One of the most brilliant events of the winter season at the Woman's Club will be the interpretation of "The Soul of Millie," by James Branch Cabell, which will be presented by Mrs. Chapin of Washington, at the club on Monday afternoon. James Branch Cabell is one of the most gifted authors of the day and his books and short stories are the subject of comment over the cables of the smart set, as well as literary folk of Richmond. One often hears interesting stories of authors and their many experiences similar to those of early writers and novelists. The incident is told of Mr. Cabell in regard to a conversation between the author and his publisher, the former having commented upon the fact that his books seemed not to take with the masses. In one of which he was contemplating a change of style in his writing. His publisher begged that Mr. Cabell would not do so, saying that his books would not do so, saying that his books would not do so.

Mrs. Thomas Cary Johnson will be a participant, and a unique program has been arranged. Mrs. Kate Langley Jones will present the subject of the "Woman and the Speaker," Miss Chalmers, an interpreter of romantic legends, and in the interlude Mrs. Heineburg will render several violin selections and Mrs. Hamilton-Smith will sing.

Many distinguished guests will attend the exposition of Mrs. Cabell's novel and a large audience of members will through the club parlors or the event.

### Journeys-Elletts.

A pretty wedding took place yesterday morning in the home of the bride, Miss Cary Schell, 11 o'clock, when she was married to William Stanhope Ellett, son of Dr. W. S. Flournoy, by George W. McDaniel, pastor of First Baptist Church, performed the ceremony, and the house was decorated in palms and lighted candles. The bride wore a brown traveling suit, and to match it, and a corsage bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Stanley Dorsey Snyder, who was the matron of honor, wore a green character costume and a green hat. The best man was David C. Rice, of Hot Springs. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. J. A. Lovell, Miss Isabelle Flournoy, Miss Cora Bell, Mrs. A. C. Bell, D. C. Rice, Miss Kate Miller and Miss Katie Bell. After a wedding trip to New York, Mr. and Mrs. Flournoy will make their home at 266 South Third Street.

### In New York.

Among the people from Richmond noted in New York during the past week, have been: Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blanton, C. B. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gray, James S. Francis, Morgan R. Mills, N. R. Crump, Charles Stephenson and T. Dickinson.

### Marriages-Jeffreys.

Miss Mary W. E. Jeffreys, of Rocky Mount, N. C., announced the marriage of her daughter, Flossie Lyon, to William George Matton, the ceremony having taken place at the home of the bride on yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Matton is assistant to the manager of the Richmond Steamery and Richmond Leaf Tobacco Company, of this city.

### Prominent Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Caslie Norvell announce the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia Petrovic, of Rocky Mount, to William Harrison Faulkner, professor of Germanic languages at the University of Virginia, the wedding to take place on Wednesday, December 23, in the Chapel of Holy Trinity Church.

### To Spend Holidays Here.

Miss Empsie Coke Flannagan, from the Chatham Episcopal Institute, and Coke Flannagan, from the Boston School of Technology, will arrive this week to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Coke. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Flannagan, will arrive next week from New York and will also spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Coke.

### Of Interest Here.

The marriage of Miss Rebecca Dudley Moore, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Moore, of Goldsboro, N. C., to Frederick Norton Drenth, of Providence, R. I., was celebrated at the home of the bride in the Don Carlos Apartment in Washington on the afternoon of November 28. The bride, who was educated at the Notre Dame School in Baltimore, formerly made her home in Richmond and is a niece of Miss Willie Dudley, of this city. She is a granddaughter of the late John and Lucy Dudley, of this city, and has many relatives and

## Fashion's Decree

To-day's Dress Hint, with authentic note as to style and fabric.



The possibilities for variation shown in this street costume of fine serge combined with satin. The tunic is open in front, the lower edges being button-trimmed, and a slash of self-material is worn. The underskirt is a three-piece model, requiring 2 yards of 36-inch material and 1 yard of lining to make. The tunic calls for 3 1/2 yards of 44-inch serge.

The pattern will be mailed to any address by The Times-Dispatch Pattern Department on receipt of price.

friends both here and in North Carolina.

### IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Irvin are in the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N. C., for some time.

Mrs. Thomas H. Gordon and small son have left for Parkersburg, W. Va., to spend Christmas with relatives, after visiting the Misses Goodwin at the Chesterfield.

Channing M. Ward, of this city, is registered at the Wolcott Hotel in New York this week.

Miss Lella Gordon, of Washington, daughter of General and Mrs. Barnett, stationed in that city, will arrive this week to visit Miss Helen Caperton at Westhampton for the holidays.

Mrs. James Shelton has returned to Fredericksburg, after spending some time at the Memorial Hospital here.

Robert Groner, of Yeatts College, Pa., is spending the holiday season with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Pace, on Grove Avenue.

Mrs. W. H. Sadler has returned to the city, after visiting friends for some time in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirsh have left for Baltimore, where they expect to spend the holiday season.

Mrs. Walter J. Herrmann, of Warm Springs, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Pace, of 729 Virginia Avenue, Barton Heights, for Christmas.

Mrs. Victor Meddis and her children, of Louisville, Ky., will arrive here shortly to visit relatives.

Miss Edna Holmes has returned to New York after spending a few days with friends in this city.

Whit D. Peyton, of Stafford County, has been in Richmond for a short stay this week.

Miss M. C. Forbes, of Fredericksburg, has been visiting in Richmond for a few days.

Miss Louise Jones, of New York, will arrive on Saturday to spend the week with her aunt, Mrs. J. Alston Cabell, having recently been the guest of Mrs. Harry B. Forsyth in Albemarle.

Clifford L. Walker arrived Tuesday from New York to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Walker, in Highland Park.

### WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

The Dorothea Payne Madison Chapter, Daughters of 1812, will meet this morning at 11 o'clock in the Jefferson Hotel.

The Springfield Mothers' Club and the Springfield School will give an opening reception to the friends and patrons of the school this evening at 8 o'clock in the assembly hall of the new school building, at Twenty-sixth and Leigh Streets.

At a meeting of Commonwealth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at 11 o'clock in the Jefferson Hotel.

### A SKIN OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER

Dr. T. FELIX GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM OR MAGICAL BEAUTIFIER

Removes Tan, Pimples, Freckles, Moth Patches, Rash and Skin Diseases, and every blemish on beauty, and defies detection. It has stood the test of 66 years, and is so harmless we taste it to be sure it is properly made. A lady of the highest social position writes: "As you ladies will use them, I recommend Gouraud's Cream as the best for all of the skin preparations." At druggists and Department Stores.

For T. Higgins & Son, Props., 37 Great Jones St., N.Y.C.

lution, held in the Jefferson Hotel Tuesday, the following officers were elected: regent, Mrs. B. L. Purcell; vice-regent, Mrs. M. A. Chamber; secretary, Miss Adele Corling; treasurer, Mrs. N. H. Capers; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles P. Lee; historian, Mrs. W. J. Payne; chaplain, Mrs. Thomas S. Boccia. The executive board includes the officers and Mesdames Warner Moore, W. S. Drewry, Frank M. Davis, Charles Watkins, Miss Virginia Pleasants and Miss Irene Bousleux.

## To-Morrow's Menu

By MARTHA WESTOVER.

**Friday, BREAKFAST**  
Grape Fruit Wheatena  
Broiled Salt Mackerel Potatoes Creamed Brown Bread Coffee

**LUNCHEON**  
Scalloped Oysters  
Stewed Tomatoes  
Celery Salad with Mayonnaise  
Cranberry Tarts  
Coffee

**DINNER**  
Split Pea Soup  
Broiled Halibut Steak  
Cauliflower au Gratin  
Baked Corn Pudding  
Olives  
Fruit Jelly with Whipped Cream  
Coffee

Cauliflower au Gratin: Break the boiled cauliflower into small flowerets. Place in pudding dish in alternate layers of white sauce and grated cheese. Cover top with crumbs moistened with butter. Bake until sauce bubbles through crumbs.

## The Conspicuous Puff

BY LILLIAN RUSSELL.

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Do not depend entirely upon your powder puff to keep your nose from shining and your cheek from assuming the appearance of a mirror. Use a little more water on your face when you wash; remove the soap from your skin before you use the towel. Soap never intended to be used in the same way as you use it. It is a lot of trouble, and it serves its purpose in a short time, and should then be entirely removed, or it will continue to work, and its effect will be detrimental to the skin. You use soap to cleanse the skin and when it has served that purpose it should be removed.

The powder puff is conspicuous in public places these days. Young girls especially do not hesitate to carry their vanity boxes and open them where and when they will, regardless of how many people may be around them. There was a time when this would not have been considered in good taste. Modesty would have prevented the powdering of the nose in public. I do not approve of this growing custom. There is a place to make the face shine, and it is not in public. Girls would not think of manicuring and polishing their nails in public. There really is not a great deal of difference between powdering the nails and rubbing the nose.

Of course, every woman knows that the sense of a shining nose or cheek is disturbing and even embarrassing at times, but you will notice that many of the girls who make it a practice to powder their noses in public places are paying a penalty for not completing the washing of their faces. Their skin is still covered with soap, and they are covering it with powder. The powder will not cling to such a surface, and continual applications are necessary to prevent the face from shining.

If the girls who are constantly annoyed by shining faces were to use a little more water in rinsing the soap from their skin after washing it would not be necessary for them to make such frequent use of their powder puffs. The powder puff has almost come to be a national institution, but it isn't so necessary when the value of the water and the properties of soap are fully realized.

When washing, the face should be rinsed with not a trace of soap remains. Soap makes the face shine, and when it is not removed it injures the skin. If the water is of the right sort, and devoid of surplus alkalis, it will not injure the face, but in removing soap and other foreign substances it will prevent the skin from shining. It is well, however, especially during cold weather, to wash some time before going out of the house, and not for a period after leaving the open air.

Remember: The powder puff may at times be only a convenient article, but the face is not entirely removed from the face it becomes a necessity.

**Lillian Russell's Answers.**  
Eva: Continuing using the cocoa butter. It is excellent for the face, but the bust. Of course, you wouldn't see a difference when you have only used it a few times. You must be patient and persistent if you wish to succeed. For it takes some time to get the massage this cream heavily into the bust. Gentle massage is more effective. Yes, massage with the cocoa butter daily. If you care for complete instructions

send me a stamped, addressed envelope and I shall send it to you.

C. S.: The first teeth nourish the second before the latter come through, and when the baby set comes out too soon the second is weakened, because the teeth lack the elements they should take from the natural supply of nourishment. If the first teeth are allowed to stay in too long the second are stained and often crooked. Indeed, the second cause of uneven teeth is that the milk set is not removed soon enough, which forces the second growth out of the natural position. If baby teeth are properly taken care of, children will sleep easily, lose the first set at the proper time, a mother need not decide this question; only an experienced dentist can tell whether the teeth should be let alone or pulled.

N. M.: I am sorry, but I cannot give you a formula for a face powder. Face powders are extremely hard to make and are usually not so good as those made by hand. A face powder must be exceedingly fine, and one cannot make them as fine at home as they should be. I do not advise the use of liquid cream or lotions on the face. Some times it is necessary to use them on the neck and arms, but it is never advisable to use them on the face.

Mary: Excessive perspiration comes from a disordered condition of the sweat glands, and usually accompanies rheumatism, gout and diseases of the nervous system. It generally indicates a run-down condition. Mild cases are benefited by bathing the affected surface in hot water, as hot as you can stand. A strong solution of common soda and hot water is also effective. Another good wash is one or two drams of alum dissolved in a pint of alcohol. After bathing affected surface, dust with plain borated talcum powder.

Carrie: Lack of sleep affects a woman's looks at once. A woman is supposed to require eight hours of sleep each night. If she has less than that, the circulation of the blood is affected, and the face shows it. A steady current of constantly changing fresh blood is a comfortable bed. Never sleep on the stomach; it hinders digestion. Never sleep propped up with pillows; lie as flat as possible, with a small pillow or none at all under your head. Never sleep with the mouth open.

Next to the proverbial sick cat, there is nothing really harder to doctor than an ingrowing nail. As a matter of fact, the hardest thing to treat are the minor ailments, medical and surgical—ailments so trivial in character that the patient hardly thinks it worth while to consult a physician.

Ingrowing toe nail is a trivial thing, but a nuisance which is hard to have. It is a penalty of vanity and self-enclosedness of cramped feet. It is a condition which, if ignored, will wear till the shoe clerk not literally thrust them upon one's feet and declare them a nuisance.

It is certain that no man or woman or child who wears a shoe with a toe broad enough to accommodate the five toes, a shoe which is not drawn back by carefully applied adhesive plaster straps. The nail must be trimmed straight across. The pressure of the shoe must be removed, by cutting a window in the upper if necessary.

In reality the nail does not grow in the soft tissue at its edge grows up into the nail. One drug which tends to relieve the present condition is a solution of salicylic acid in alcohol. This is a powerful antiseptic and rapidly dissolves the inflamed tissue. The inflamed groove should be kept filled with the powder. In bad cases of ingrown nail the quickest and surest relief is a little operation, in which a strip of the edge of the nail and the granulation tissue is excised, leaving sound tissue to form a new nail.

There is also a little appliance which holds the nail straight, but in practice it does not give very satisfactory results. The treatment of a broken leg is more gratifying to doctor and patient as well.

### Questions and Answers.

A reader writes: A year ago I had part of my right eye removed. I was too weak to have it all removed, the doctors said. But I have been much better since. I hope to have the remainder of the eye removed. Do you think it will be necessary to have the remainder of the eye removed? Mine was a pronounced case of exophthalmic goitre, and all my symptoms have disappeared, except the eyes. Reply: Sometimes the eyes do not look just right for more than a year after a partial removal of the gland. If I were you I should wait at least another six months, so long as everything else seems better.

Imaginary of Kidneys—M. M. S. asks if a dull aching across the lower part of the back indicates kidney trouble. And also if nervous spells, sick headaches from riding on street cars and a tendency to become easily exhausted indicated disease of the pelvic organs.

Reply: No. Stop reading the patent medicine and quack literature. Backache is not a symptom of kidney trouble, and the nervous nerves are not particularly influenced by pelvic disease. You may have a serious defect of vision, for which you should visit a medical eye specialist.

Italy vs. Russia—Which is better to increase flesh, olive oil or Russian oil? Please mention something for constipation, too.

Reply: Olive oil is a food; Russian oil (a fancy name for paraffin oil or pure liquid petroleum oil) is not absorbed, but passes out of the body unchanged. Either would be laxative. Olive would be your choice.

Sleeping Without a Pillow—What benefit, if any, is derived from sleeping without a pillow?

Reply: It saves laundry bills, but otherwise we know of no advantage, unless to relieve a stiff neck and to prevent round shoulders or spinal curvature, as some orthopedic specialists believe.

Height and Weight—In order to give a composite reply to a large batch of anxious inquiries, we append here a table, showing what is considered normal weight for women. Of course a variation of five or ten pounds is not to be frowned at.

Height Age 16 20 25 30 35 40 45  
4-ft. 11-in 108 114 115 117 119 123 125  
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Nourish—A. M. has neuritis in his right arm, and desires to know the cause, the cure, whether it is likely to spread to other limbs. He has been told to get well, whether massage or electricity is good for it, whether the arm should be kept quiet and warm.

Reply: Assuming the diagnosis is correct, the cause may be any one of a dozen different things, and we are unable to give a long-distance opinion on this point. The cure depends upon the patient. It is unlikely to spread. The average case takes a few months to get well. Early it is unlikely to do harm; rest is the thing, and a sling when moving about, as though there were a fracture. Later electricity and perhaps massage and graduated passive motion to keep the joints limber and prevent contractures of muscles. Heat is always a relief. Hot air oven baking is a grateful remedy for the pain—much better than drugs.

Gooding—Davenport.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
GORDONVILLE, VA., December 16.—A very pretty wedding ceremony was performed at the home of E. J. Davenport, on King Street, this evening at 6:30 o'clock, when his youngest daughter, Miss Grace Arlene, became the bride of Conrad T. Gooding, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gooding of Orange. Mrs. W. W. Thomason, sister of the bride, presided at the piano.

The groom, attended by his best man, W. C. Holladay, entered from the balcony. He was united in marriage to Joel Judas, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Judas, parents, and Mr. Susan Judas, a brother, of this city, attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Judas will make their home in New York.

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